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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

Please enter the following preliminary amendments in this divisional application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 3, please delete "Inventors: Corey S. Goodman, Thomas Kidd, Katja Brose and Marc Tessier-Lavigne".

At page 1, lines 9-10, please change "is a continuing ... Nov 14 1997" to --claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 09/191,647, filed November 13, 1998, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/081,057 filed Apr 07, 1998 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/065,544, filed Nov 14, 1997--.

At page 6, line 17, immediately following "Tables 3 and 4.", please insert the attached Tables 1 and 2, and please change "white backgrounded sequences in Tables 3 and 4" to --unboxed sequences in Tables 1 and 2--. Also, please insert page numbers on the pages of the attached Tables 1 and 2 corresponding to their position in the specification and please renumber the subsequent pages of the specification accordingly.

At page 6, line 18, please change "Table 1" to --Table 3--.

At page 6, line 10, please change "fragemtns" to --fragments--.

At page 6, line 20, please change "Table 1" to --Table 3--.

At page 7, line 24, please change "Table 2" to --Table 4--.

At page 8, line 1, please change "Table 2" to --Table 4--.

At page 11, lines 21-22, please change "Table 5 (A and B)" to --Table 5--.

At page 11, immediately before line 23, please insert the following text:

--Table 5. Hybridization Probes for Regions of Human Slit-1.

Hybridization probe for first leucine rich repeat region	SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 82-828
Hybridization probe for second leucine rich repeat region	SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 829-1503
Hybridization probe for third leucine rich repeat region	SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 1504-2166
Hybridization probe for fourth leucine rich repeat region	SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 2167-2751
Hybridization probe for EGF repeats one to five	SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 2752-3327
Hybridization probe for the sixth EGF repeat and preceding spacer region	SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 3328-3461
Hybridization probe for the 99aa spacer/G-loop region	SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 3462-3987
Hybridization probe for EGF repeats seven to nine	SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 3988-4341
Hybridization probe for the cysteine knot region	SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 4342-4575

Table 6. PCR Primers for regions of Human Slit.

PCR Primers for first leucine rich repeat region	Forward: SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 82-111 Reverse: reverse complement of SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 799-828
PCR Primers for second leucine rich repeat region	Forward: SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 829-858 Reverse: reverse complement of SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 1474-1503

PCR Primers for third leucine rich repeat region	Forward: SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 1504-1533 Reverse: reverse complement of SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 2137-2166
PCR Primers for fourth leucine rich repeat region	Forward: SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 2167-2196 Reverse: reverse complement of SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 2722-2751
PCR Primers for EGF repeats one to five	Forward: SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 2752-2781 Reverse: reverse complement of SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 3298-3327
PCR Primers for the sixth EGF repeat and preceding spacer region	Forward: SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 3328-3357 Reverse: reverse complement of SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 3432-3461
PCR Primers for the 99aa spacer/G-loop region	Forward: SEQ I:01, nucleotides 3462-3491 Reverse: reverse complement of SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 3958-3987
PCR Primers for EGF repeats seven to nine	Forward: SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 3988-4017 Reverse: reverse complement of SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 4312-4341
PCR Primers for the cysteine knot region	Forward: SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 4342-4371 Reverse: reverse complement of SEQ ID NO:01, nucleotides 4546-4575

Leucine rich repeats (LRRs) are predicted by comparison with known proteins and by the presence of a leucine rich core sequence. In slit proteins, the LRRs are flanked by conserved sequences referred to as the amino- and carboxy- flanking regions. These flanking regions are found in other known proteins, but only in a few instances are both the amino- and carboxy-flank regions present in a single protein. The so called "99aa spacer" is actually ~200 amino acids in the Drosophila protein and 174 amino acids in Human Slit-1. This region shows homology to the G-loops of laminin A chains.

Cysteine knots are dimerisation domains defined by the presence of six cysteine residues between which disulphide bridges form. The only absolutely conserved residues are the six cysteines, and spacing between them is highly variable, apart from between cysteines 2 and 3, and 5 and 6. The glycine between cysteines 2 and 3 is only present in a subset of cysteine knots.

Drosophila slit and Human slit-1 both have an extra cysteine after cysteines 5 and 6: this may serve as an intermolecular bond. Human Slit-1 gene displays the overall structure of the Drosophila gene, and amino acid conservation is found along the entire length of the protein (48% homology at the amino acid sequence excluding the signal sequence; see below). The Human gene has an extra LRR between LRR2 and LRR3 of the first set of LRRs; in the third set, the Human gene has an extra LRR between LRR3 and LRR4. The Human gene has two extra EGF repeats, on either side of the seventh EGF repeat in Drosophila slit.

Isolation of Human slit-1

Searching of the EST database revealed an EST, ab16g10.r1, with homology to the 99aa spacer region of Drosophila slit. This EST was used to probe a Human fetal brain library (Stratagene), and clones for Human slit-1 were isolated.

Features of Human Slit Predicted Protein

Signal sequence	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 7-24
First amino-flanking sequence	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 28-59
First set of Leucine Rich Repeats	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 60-179 (6 repeats)
First carboxy-flanking sequence	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 180-276
Second amino-flanking sequence	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 277-308
Second set of Leucine Rich Repeats	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 309-434 (5 repeats)
Second carboxy-flanking sequence	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 435-501
Third amino-flanking sequence	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 502-533
Third set of Leucine Rich Repeats	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 534-560 (5 repeats)
Third carboxy-flanking sequence	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 661-722
Fourth amino-flanking sequence	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 723-754
Fourth set of Leucine Rich Repeats	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 755-855 (4 repeats)
Fourth carboxy-flanking sequence	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 856-917
First EGF repeat	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 918-952
Second EGF repeat	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 953-993
Third EGF repeat	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 994-1031

Fourth EGF repeat	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 1032-1071
Fifth EGF repeat	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 1072-1109
Spacer	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 1110-1116
Sixth EGF repeat	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 1117-1153
“99aa spacer”	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 1155-1329
Seventh EGF repeat	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 1330-1366
Eighth EGF repeat	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 1367-1404
Ninth EGF repeat	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 1405-1447
Cysteine knot motif	SEQ ID NO:02, residues 1448-1525

Amino acid identity between Drosophila and Human Slit-1

First amino-flanking sequence	53%
First set of Leucine Rich Repeats	52% (54%, 67%, NA, 38%, 54%, 50%)
First carboxy-flanking sequence	42%
Second amino-flanking sequence	50%
Second set of Leucine Rich Repeats	60% (54%, 58%, 67%, 71%, 50%)
Second carboxy-flanking sequence	62%
Third amino-flanking sequence	56%
Third set of Leucine Rich Repeats	49% (46%, 46%, 42%, NA, 58%)
Third carboxy-flanking sequence	36%
Fourth amino-flanking sequence	53%
Fourth set of Leucine Rich Repeats	48% (25%, 58%, 46%, 63%)
Fourth carboxy-flanking sequence	63%
First EGF repeat	34%
Second EGF repeat	46%
Third EGF repeat	46%
Fourth EGF repeat	35%
Fifth EGF repeat	47%

Spacer	22%
Sixth EGF repeat	40%
“99aa spacer”	38%
Seventh EGF repeat	11% /NA
Eighth EGF repeat	44%
Nineth EGF repeat	29% /NA
Cysteine knot motif	34%

NA: not applicable due to absence of homologous repeat.

Figures for individual LLRs are shown in brackets.--

Immediately prior to the claims, please insert the enclosed 23 page section entitled “SEQUENCE LISTING”.

Please delete all pages after page 17.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all pending claims (1-7) and add new claims 8-27 as follows:

8. (New) A mixture comprising an isolated Slit polypeptide and a Robo polypeptide, said Slit polypeptide comprising at least one sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:2-14, or a subsequence thereof having at least 16 consecutive amino acid residues thereof.
9. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, the Slit polypeptide comprising at least one sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:2-14, or a subsequence thereof having at least 64 consecutive amino acid residues thereof.
10. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, the Slit polypeptide comprising at least one sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:2-14.
11. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, the Slit polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:2, or a subsequence thereof having at least 16 consecutive amino acid residues thereof.
12. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, the Slit polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:2, or a subsequence thereof having at least 64 consecutive amino acid residues thereof.

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13. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, the Slit polypeptide comprising at least one sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:3-6, or a subsequence thereof having at least 16 consecutive amino acid residues thereof.
14. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, the Slit polypeptide comprising at least one sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:3-6, or a subsequence thereof having at least 64 consecutive amino acid residues thereof.
15. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, the Slit polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:7, or a subsequence thereof having at least 16 consecutive amino acid residues thereof.
16. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, the Slit polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:7, or a subsequence thereof having at least 64 consecutive amino acid residues thereof.
17. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, the Slit polypeptide at comprising least one sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:8-9, or a subsequence thereof having at least 16 consecutive amino acid residues thereof.
18. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, the Slit polypeptide comprising at least one sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:8-9, or a subsequence thereof having at least 64 consecutive amino acid residues thereof.
19. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, the Slit polypeptide comprising at least one sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:10-11, or a subsequence thereof having at least 16 consecutive amino acid residues thereof.
20. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, the Slit polypeptide comprising at least one sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:10-11, or a subsequence thereof having at least 64 consecutive amino acid residues thereof.
21. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, the Slit polypeptide comprising at least one sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:12-14, or a subsequence thereof having at least 16 consecutive amino acid residues thereof.

22. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, the Slit polypeptide comprising at least one sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:12-14, or a subsequence thereof having at least 64 consecutive amino acid residues thereof.

23. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, the Slit polypeptide comprising at least one sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 1-10; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 29-41; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 75-87; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 92-109; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 132-141; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 192-205; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 258-269; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 295-311; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 316-330; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 373-382; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 403-422; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 474-485; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 561-576; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 683-697; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 768-777; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 798-813; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 882-894; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 934-946; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 1054-1067; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 1181-1192; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 1273-1299; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 1383-1397; SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 1468-1477; and SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 1508-1517.

24. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, comprising a cell comprising the Robo polypeptide.

24. (New) A mixture according to claim 10, comprising a cell comprising the Robo polypeptide.

25. (New) A mixture according to claim 8, comprising a candidate agent for modulating an interaction of the Robo and Slit polypeptides.

26. (New) A method of identifying agents which modulate the interaction of a Robo polypeptide and a Slit polypeptide, said method comprising the steps of:

combining the mixture of claim 8 and a candidate agent under conditions whereby, but for the presence of the agent, the Robo and Slit polypeptides engage in a first interaction, and determining a second interaction of the Robo and Slit polypeptides in the presence of the agent,

wherein a difference between the first and second interactions indicates that the agent modulates the interaction of the Robo and Slit polypeptides.

27. (New) A method of identifying agents which modulate the interaction of a Robo polypeptide and a Slit polypeptide, said method comprising the steps of:
combining the mixture of claim 8 and a candidate agent under conditions whereby, but for the presence of the agent, the Robo and Slit polypeptides engage in a first interaction, and
determining a second interaction of the Robo and Slit polypeptides in the presence of the agent,

wherein a difference between the first and second interactions indicates that the agent modulates the interaction of the Robo and Slit polypeptides.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the specification are identical to those made in the parent application Serial No.: 09/191,647 except update the "Cross Reference to Related Application" section of the instant application.

As explained in 09/191,647, these amendments to the specification are intended to address Sequence Listing formalities and to incorporate the sections appended to the application as filed:

(1) by relocating the bodies and headings of Tables 3 and 4 (appended to the specification as filed) to page 6, renumbering them Tables 1 and 2 respectively and reformatting the shaded areas as open boxes.

(2) by renumbering Tables 1 and 2 as filed, as Tables 3 and 4 respectively.

(3) by relocating Tables 5 (A-B) and 6 (appended to the specification as filed) and the text accompanying these tables to page 11, and renumbering Table 5 (A-B) as Table 5.

(4) by relocating the sections entitled "Features of Human Slit Predicted Protein" and "Amino acid identity between Drosophila and Human Slit-1" (appended to the specification as filed) to follow Table 6 and replacing the phrase, "presence of the core sequence ... amino acid" with -presence of a leucine rich core sequence-, deleting the four sentences "The amino flank region ... Cxxxxxx." and deleting "C[x]C[1-3x]GxC[x]C[x]CxC" in the text of the section entitled "Features of Human Slit Predicted Protein".

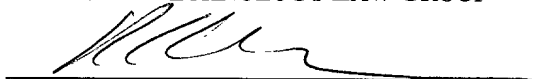
(5) by relocating the data of "SEQ ID NO:1 & 2" (appended to the specification as filed) to a section entitled "SEQUENCE LISTING" immediately prior to the claims. The sequences disclosed in this sequence listing are identical to those disclosed in the deleted "SEQ ID NO:1 &

2" and Tables 3 and 4, as originally filed.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e), please use the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing submitted on April 8, 1999 in Application No. 09/191,647, filed November 13, 1998 as the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing for the instant Application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in Application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used for the instant Application. The sequence information on the written Sequence Listing enclosed herewith is identical to that recorded in computer readable form filed in the above referenced Application No. 09/191,647 and includes no new matter.

The foregoing amendments introduce no new matter.

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

10 This application is a continuing application under 35USC120 of USSN 60/081,057 filed Apr 07, 1998 and of USSN 60/065,544, filed Nov 14, 1997.

INTRODUCTION

Field of the Invention

The field of this invention is methods for modulating nerve cell function.

Background

15 In the developing CNS, most growth cones confront the midline at one or multiple times during their journey and make the decision of whether to cross or not to cross. This decision is not a static one but rather changes according to the growth cone's history. For example, in the Drosophila ventral nerve cord, about 10% of the interneurons project their axons only on their own side, in some cases extending near the midline without crossing it. 20 The other 90% of the interneurons first project their axons across the midline and then turn to project longitudinally on the other side, often extending near the midline. These growth cones, having crossed the midline once, never cross it again, in spite of their close proximity to the midline and the many commissural axons crossing it. This decision to cross or not to cross is not unique to Drosophila but is common to a variety of midline structures in all 25 bilaterally symmetric nervous systems.

30 What midline signals and growth cone receptors control whether growth cones do or do not cross the midline? After crossing once, what mechanism prevents these growth cones from crossing again? A related issue concerns the nature of the midline as an intermediate target. If so many growth cones find the midline such an attractive structure, why do they cross over it rather than linger? Why do they leave the midline?

One approach to find the genes encoding the components of such a system is to screen for mutations in which either too many or too few axons cross the midline. Such a large-scale mutant screen was previously conducted in *Drosophila*, and led to the identification of two key genes: *commissureless* (*comm*) and *roundabout* (*robo*) (Seeger et al., 1993; reviewed by Tear et al., 1993). In *comm* mutant embryos, commissural growth cones initially orient toward the midline but then fail to cross it and instead recoil and extend on their own side. *robo* mutant embryos, on the other hand, display the opposite phenotype in that too many axons cross the midline; many growth cones that normally extend only on their own side instead now project across the midline and axons that normally cross the midline only once instead appear to cross and recross multiple times (Seeger et al., 1993; present disclosure). Double mutants of *comm* and *robo* display a *robo*-like phenotype.

How do *comm* and *robo* function to control midline crossing? Neither the initial paper on these genes (Seeger et al., 1993) nor the cloning of *comm* (Tear et al., 1996) resolved this question. *comm* encodes a novel surface protein expressed on midline cells. In fact, the *comm* paper (Tear et al., 1996) ended with the hope that future work would "... help shed some light on the enigmatic function of Comm."

USSN 08/971,172 (*Robo, A Novel Family of Polypeptides and Nucleic Acids*, by inventors: Corey S. Goodman, Thomas Kidd, Kevin J. Mitchell and Guy Tear) discloses the cloning and characterization of *robo* in various species including *Drosophila*; Robo polypeptides and polypeptide-encoding nucleic acids are also disclosed and their genbank accession numbers referenced in Kidd et al. (1998) Cell 92, 205-215. *robo* encodes a new class of guidance receptor with 5 immunoglobulin (Ig) domains, 3 fibronectin type III domains, a transmembrane domain, and a long cytoplasmic domain. Robo defines a new subfamily of Ig superfamily proteins that is highly conserved from fruit flies to mammals. The Robo ectodomains, and in particular the first two Ig domains, are highly conserved from fruit fly to human, while the cytoplasmic domains are more divergent. Nevertheless, the cytoplasmic domains contain three highly conserved short proline-rich motifs which may represent binding sites for SH3 or other binding domains in linker or signaling molecules.

For those axons that never cross the midline, Robo is expressed on their growth cones from the outset; for the majority of axons that do cross the midline, Robo is expressed at high levels on their growth cones only after they cross the midline. Transgenic rescue experiments

in *Drosophila* reveal that Robo can function in a cell autonomous fashion, consistent with it functioning as a receptor. Thus, in *Drosophila*, Robo appears to function as the gatekeeper controlling midline crossing; growth cones expressing high levels of Robo are prevented from crossing the midline. Robo proteins in mammals function in a similar manner in controlling axon guidance.

USSN 60/065,54 (*Methods for Modulating Nerve Cell Function*, by inventors: Corey S. Goodman, Thomas Kidd, Guy Tear, Claire Russell and Kevin Mitchell) discloses ectopic and overexpression studies revealing that Comm down-regulates Robo expression, demonstrating that Comm functions to suppress the Robo-mediated midline repulsion. These results show that the levels of Comm at the midline and Robo on growth cones are tightly intertwined and dynamically regulated to assure that only certain growth cones cross the midline, that those growth cones that cross do not linger at the midline, and that once they cross they never do so again.

Relevant Literature

Seeger, M., Tear, G., Ferres-Marco, D. and Goodman C.S. (1993) *Neuron* 10, 409 - 426; Tear G., et al. (1996) *Neuron* 16, 501 - 514; Rothberg et al. (1990) *Genes Dev* 4, 2169-2187; Kidd et al. (1998) *Cell* 92, 205-215.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention provides methods and compositions relating to vertebrate Slit1 and Slit2, collectively vertebrate Slit) polypeptides, related nucleic acids, polypeptide domains thereof having vertebrate Slit-specific structure and activity, and modulators of vertebrate Slit function. Vertebrate Slit polypeptides can regulate cell, especially nerve cell, function and morphology. The polypeptides may be produced recombinantly from transformed host cells from the subject vertebrate Slit polypeptide encoding nucleic acids or purified from mammalian cells. The invention provides isolated vertebrate Slit hybridization probes and primers capable of specifically hybridizing with natural vertebrate Slit genes, vertebrate Slit-specific binding agents such as specific antibodies, and methods of making and using the subject compositions in diagnosis (e.g. genetic hybridization screens for vertebrate Slit transcripts), therapy (e.g. to modulate nerve cell growth) and in the biopharmaceutical industry (e.g. as immunogens, reagents for isolating vertebrate Slit genes and polypeptides,

reagents for screening chemical libraries for lead pharmacological agents, etc.).

The invention also provides methods and compositions for identifying agents which modulate the interaction of Robo and a Robo ligand and for modulating the interaction of Robo and a Robo ligand. The methods for identifying Robo:ligand modulators find particular application in commercial drug screens. These methods generally comprise (1) combining a Robo polypeptide, a Slit polypeptide and a candidate agent under conditions whereby, but for the presence of the agent, the Robo and Slit polypeptides engage in a first interaction, and (2) determining a second interaction of the Robo and Slit polypeptides in the presence of the agent, wherein a difference between the first and second interactions indicates that the agent modulates the interaction of the Robo and Slit polypeptides. The subject methods of modulating the interaction of Robo and a Robo ligand involve combining a Robo polypeptide, a Slit polypeptide and a modulator under conditions whereby, but for the presence of the modulator, the Robo and Slit polypeptides engage in a first interaction, whereby the Robo and Slit polypeptides engage in a second interaction different from the first interaction. In a particular embodiment, the modulator is dominant negative form of the Robo or Slit polypeptide.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The subject methods include screens for agents which modulate Robo:ligand interactions and methods for modulating Robo:ligand interactions. Robo activation is found to regulate a wide variety of cell functions, including cell-cell interactions, cell mobility, morphology, etc. Slit polypeptides are disclosed as specific activators and inactivators of Robo polypeptides. Accordingly, the invention provides methods for modulating targeted cell function comprising the step of modulating Robo activation by contacting the cell with a modulator of a Robo:Slit interaction..

The targeted Robo polypeptide is generally naturally expressed on the targeted cells. The nucleotide sequences of exemplary natural cDNAs encoding drosophila 1, drosophila 2, C. elegans, human 1, human 2 and mouse 1 Robo polypeptides and their translates are described in Kidd et al. (1998) Cell 92, 205-215 and USSN 08/971,172. The targeted Robo polypeptides comprise at least a functional Robo domain, which domain has Robo-specific amino acid sequence and binding specificity or function. Preferred Robo domains comprise

at least 8, preferably at least 16, more preferably at least 32, most preferably at least 64 consecutive residues of a natural full length Robo. In a particular embodiment, the domains comprise one or more structural/functional Robo immunoglobulin, fibronectin or cytoplasmic motif domains described herein. The subject domains provide Robo-specific antigens and/or immunogens, especially when coupled to carrier proteins. For example, peptides corresponding to Robo- and human Robo-specific domains are covalently coupled to keyhole limpet antigen (KLH) and the conjugate is emulsified in Freund's complete adjuvant. Laboratory rabbits are immunized according to conventional protocol and bled. The presence of Robo-specific antibodies is assayed by solid phase immunosorbent assays using immobilized Robo polypeptides. Generic Robo-specific peptides are readily apparent as conserved regions in aligned Robo polypeptide sequences. In addition, species-specific antigenic and/or immunogenic peptides are readily apparent as diverged extracellular or cytosolic regions in alignments. Human Robo-specific antibodies are characterized as uncross-reactive with non-human Robo polypeptides.

The subject domains provide Robo domain specific activity or function, such as Robo-specific cell, especially neuron modulating or modulating inhibitory activity, Robo-ligand-binding or binding inhibitory activity. Robo-specific activity or function may be determined by convenient *in vitro*, cell-based, or *in vivo* assays: e.g. *in vitro* binding assays, cell culture assays, in animals (e.g. gene therapy, transgenics, etc.), etc. The binding target may be a natural intracellular binding target, a Robo regulating protein or other regulator that directly modulates Robo activity or its localization; or non-natural binding target such as a specific immune protein such as an antibody, or a Robo specific agent such as those identified in screening assays such as described below. Robo-binding specificity may be assayed by binding equilibrium constants (usually at least about 10^7 M^{-1} , preferably at least about 10^8 M^{-1} , more preferably at least about 10^9 M^{-1}), by the ability of the subject polypeptide to function as negative mutants in Robo-expressing cells, to elicit Robo specific antibody in a heterologous host (e.g. a rodent or rabbit), etc.

Similarly, the Slit polypeptide is conveniently selected from Slit polypeptides which specifically activate or inhibit the activation of the Robo polypeptide. Exemplary suitable Slit polypeptides (a) comprises a vertebrate Slit sequence disclosed herein, especially human Slit-1 (SEQ ID NO:02), or a deletion mutant thereof which specifically modulates Robo

expression or a sequence about 60-70%, preferably about 70-80%, more preferably about 80-90%, more preferably about 90-95%, most preferably about 95-99% similar to a vertebrate Slit sequence disclosed herein as determined by Best Fit analysis using default settings and is other than a natural drosophila Slit sequence, preferably other than a natural invertebrate Slit sequence, and/or (b) is encoded by a nucleic acid comprising a natural Slit encoding sequence (such as a natural human Slit-1 encoding sequence, SEQ ID NO:01) or a fragment thereof at least 36, preferably at least 72, more preferably at least 144, most preferably at least 288 nucleotides in length which specifically hybridizes thereto. Suitable deletion mutants are readily screened in Robo binding or activation assays as described herein. Preferred Slit domains/deletion mutants/fragments comprise at least 8, preferably at least 16, more preferably at least 32, most preferably at least 64 consecutive residues of a disclosed vertebrate Slit sequences and provide a Slit specific activity, such as Slit-specific antigenicity and/or immunogenicity, especially when coupled to carrier proteins as described above for Robo above. Suitable natural Slit encoding sequence fragments are of length sufficient to encode such Slit domains. In a particular embodiment, the Slit fragments comprise species specific fragments; such fragments are readily discerned from alignments of the disclosed sequences, see, e.g. shown as white backgrounded sequences in Tables 3 and 4. Exemplary such human Slit-1 immunogenic and/or antigenic peptides are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Immunogenic human Slit-1 polypeptides eliciting Slit-1 specific rabbit polyclonal antibody: Slit polypeptide-KLH conjugates immunized per protocol described above.

<u>Slit Polypeptide</u>	<u>Immunogenicity</u>	<u>Slit Polypeptide</u>	<u>Immunogenicity</u>
SEQ ID NO:02, res. 1-10	+++	SEQ ID NO:02, res. 561-576	+++
SEQ ID NO:02, res. 29-41	+++	SEQ ID NO:02, res. 683-697	+++
SEQ ID NO:02, res. 75-87	+++	SEQ ID NO:02, res. 768-777	+++
SEQ ID NO:02, res. 92-109	+++	SEQ ID NO:02, res. 798-813	+++
SEQ ID NO:02, res. 132-141	+++	SEQ ID NO:02, res. 882-894	+++
SEQ ID NO:02, res. 192-205	+++	SEQ ID NO:02, res. 934-946	+++
SEQ ID NO:02, res. 258-269	+++	SEQ ID NO:02, res. 1054-1067	+++
SEQ ID NO:02, res. 295-311	+++	SEQ ID NO:02, res. 1181-1192	+++
SEQ ID NO:02, res. 315-330	+++	SEQ ID NO:02, res. 1273-1299	+++
SEQ ID NO:02, res. 373-382	+++	SEQ ID NO:02, res. 1383-1397	+++
SEQ ID NO:02, res. 403-422	+++	SEQ ID NO:02, res. 1468-1477	+++
SEQ ID NO:02, res. 474-485	+++	SEQ ID NO:02, res. 1508-1517	+++

The subject domains provide Slit domain specific activity or function, such as Slit-

specific cell, especially neuron modulating or modulating inhibitory activity, Slit-ligand-binding or binding inhibitory activity. Slit-specific activity or function may be determined by convenient *in vitro*, cell-based, or *in vivo* assays: e.g. *in vitro* binding assays, cell culture assays, in animals (e.g. gene therapy, transgenics, etc.), etc. The binding target may be a natural intracellular binding target, a Slit regulating protein or other regulator that directly modulates Slit activity or its localization; or non-natural binding target such as a specific immune protein such as an antibody, or a Slit specific agent such as those identified in screening assays such as described below. Slit-binding specificity may be assayed by binding equilibrium constants (usually at least about $10^7 M^{-1}$, preferably at least about $10^8 M^{-1}$, more preferably at least about $10^9 M^{-1}$), by the ability of the subject polypeptide to function as negative mutants in Slit-expressing cells, to elicit Slit specific antibody in a heterologous host (e.g a rodent or rabbit), etc.

In one embodiment, the Slit polypeptides are encoded by a nucleic acid comprising SEQ ID NO:01 or a fragment thereof which hybridizes with a full-length strand thereof, preferably under stringent conditions. Such nucleic acids comprise at least 36, preferably at least 72, more preferably at least 144 and most preferably at least 288 nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:01. Demonstrating specific hybridization generally requires stringent conditions, for example, hybridizing in a buffer comprising 30% formamide in 5 x SSPE (0.18 M NaCl, 0.01 M $NaPO_4$, pH7.7, 0.001 M EDTA) buffer at a temperature of 42°C and remaining bound when subject to washing at 42°C with 0.2 x SSPE (Conditions I); preferably hybridizing in a buffer comprising 50% formamide in 5 x SSPE buffer at a temperature of 42°C and remaining bound when subject to washing at 42°C with 0.2 x SSPE buffer at 42°C (Conditions II). Exemplary nucleic acids which hybridize with a strand of SEQ ID NO:01 are shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Exemplary nucleic acids which hybridize with a strand of SEQ ID NO:01 under Conditions I and/or II.

	<u>Slit Nucleic Acid</u>	<u>Hybridization</u>	<u>Slit Nucleic Acid</u>	<u>Hybridization</u>
5	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 1-47	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 1258-1279	+
	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 58-99	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 1375-1389	+
	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 95-138	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 1581-1595	+
	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 181-220	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 1621-1639	+
	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 261-299	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 1744-1755	+
	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 274-315	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 1951-1969	+
10	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 351-389	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 2150-2163	+
	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 450-593	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 2524-2546	+
	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 524-546	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 2761-2780	+
	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 561-608	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 2989-2999	+
	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 689-727	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 3108-3117	+
15	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 708-737	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 3338-3351	+
	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 738-801	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 3505-3514	+
	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 805-854	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 3855-3867	+
	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 855-907	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 4010-4025	+
	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 910-953	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 4207-4219	+
20	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 1007-1059	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 4333-4345	+
	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 1147-1163	+	SEQ ID NO:01, nucl. 4521-4529	+

A wide variety of cell types express Robo polypeptides subject to regulation by the disclosed methods, including many neuronal cells, transformed cells, infected (e.g. virus) cells, etc. Ascertaining Robo binding or activation is readily effected by binding assays or cells function assays as disclosed herein or in the cited copending applications. Accordingly, indications for the subject methods encompass a wide variety of cell types and function, including axon outgrowth, tumor cell invasion or migration, etc. The target cell may reside in culture or in situ, i.e. within the natural host. For in situ applications, the compositions are added to a retained physiological fluid such as blood or synovial fluid. For CNS administration, a variety of techniques are available for promoting transfer of the therapeutic across the blood brain barrier including disruption by surgery or injection, drugs which transiently open adhesion contact between CNS vasculature endothelial cells, and compounds which facilitate translocation through such cells. Slit polypeptides may also be amenable to direct injection or infusion, topical, intratracheal/nasal administration e.g. through aerosol, intraocularly, or within/on implants e.g. fibers e.g. collagen, osmotic pumps, grafts comprising appropriately transformed cells, etc. A particular method of administration involves coating, embedding or derivatizing fibers, such as collagen fibers, protein polymers,

etc. with therapeutic polypeptides. Other useful approaches are described in Otto et al. (1989) J Neuroscience Research 22, 83-91 and Otto and Unsicker (1990) J Neuroscience 10, 1912-1921. Generally, the amount administered will be empirically determined, typically in the range of about 10 to 1000 $\mu\text{g/kg}$ of the recipient and the concentration will generally be in the range of about 50 to 500 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ in the dose administered. Other additives may be included, such as stabilizers, bactericides, etc. will be present in conventional amounts.

In one embodiment, the invention provides administering the subject Slit polypeptides in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient such as sterile saline or other medium, gelatin, an oil, etc. to form pharmaceutically acceptable compositions. The compositions and/or compounds may be administered alone or in combination with any convenient carrier, diluent, etc. and such administration may be provided in single or multiple dosages. Useful carriers include solid, semi-solid or liquid media including water and non-toxic organic solvents. In another embodiment, the invention provides the subject compounds in the form of a pro-drug, which can be metabolically converted to the subject compound by the recipient host. A wide variety of pro-drug formulations for polypeptide-based therapeutics are known in the art. The compositions may be provided in any convenient form including tablets, capsules, troches, powders, sprays, creams, etc. As such the compositions, in pharmaceutically acceptable dosage units or in bulk, may be incorporated into a wide variety of containers. For example, dosage units may be included in a variety of containers including capsules, pills, etc. The compositions may be advantageously combined and/or used in combination with other therapeutic or prophylactic agents, different from the subject compounds. In many instances, administration in conjunction with the subject compositions enhances the efficacy of such agents, see e.g. *Goodman & Gilman's The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics*, 9th Ed., 1996, McGraw-Hill.

In another aspect, the invention provides methods of screening for agents which modulate Robo-Slit interactions. These methods generally involve forming a mixture of a Robo-expressing cell, a Slit polypeptide and a candidate agent, and determining the effect of the agent on the amount of Robo expressed by the cell. The methods are amenable to automated, cost-effective high throughput screening of chemical libraries for lead compounds. Identified reagents find use in the pharmaceutical industries for animal and

human trials; for example, the reagents may be derivatized and rescreened in *in vitro* and *in vivo* assays to optimize activity and minimize toxicity for pharmaceutical development. Cell and animal based neural guidance/repulsion assays are described in detail in the experimental section below.

5 The amino acid sequences of the disclosed vertebrate Slit polypeptides are used to back-translate Slit polypeptide-encoding nucleic acids optimized for selected expression systems (Holler et al. (1993) Gene 136, 323-328; Martin et al. (1995) Gene 154, 150-166) or used to generate degenerate oligonucleotide primers and probes for use in the isolation of natural Slit-encoding nucleic acid sequences ("GCG" software, Genetics Computer Group, Inc, Madison WI). Slit-encoding nucleic acids used in Slit-expression vectors and incorporated into recombinant host cells, e.g. for expression and screening, transgenic animals, e.g. for functional studies such as the efficacy of candidate drugs for disease associated with Slit-modulated cell function, etc.

15 The invention also provides nucleic acid hybridization probes and replication / amplification primers having a vertebrate Slit cDNA specific sequence comprising a fragment of a disclosed vertebrate cDNA sequence, and sufficient to effect specific hybridization thereto. Such primers or probes are at least 12, preferably at least 24, more preferably at least 36 and most preferably at least 96 nucleotides in length. Demonstrating specific hybridization generally requires stringent conditions, for example, hybridizing in a buffer comprising 30% formamide in 5 x SSPE (0.18 M NaCl, 0.01 M NaPO₄, pH7.7, 0.001 M EDTA) buffer at a temperature of 42°C and remaining bound when subject to washing at 42°C with 0.2 x SSPE; preferably hybridizing in a buffer comprising 50% formamide in 5 x SSPE buffer at a temperature of 42°C and remaining bound when subject to washing at 42°C with 0.2 x SSPE buffer at 42°C. Slit nucleic acids can also be distinguished using alignment algorithms, such as BLASTX (Altschul *et al.* (1990) Basic Local Alignment Search Tool, J Mol Biol 215, 403-410). In addition, the invention provides nucleic acids having a sequence about 60-70%, preferably about 70-80%, more preferably about 80-90%, more preferably about 90-95%, most preferably about 95-99% similar to a vertebrate Slit sequence disclosed herein as determined by Best Fit analysis using default settings and is other than a natural drosophila Slit sequence, preferably other than a natural invertebrate Slit sequence. In a particular embodiment, the Slit polynucleotide fragments comprise species specific

fragments; such fragments are readily discerned from alignments of the disclosed sequences.

The subject nucleic acids are of synthetic/non-natural sequences and/or are recombinant, meaning they comprise a non-natural sequence or a natural sequence joined to nucleotide(s) other than that which it is joined to on a natural chromosome. The subject recombinant nucleic acids comprising the nucleotide sequence of disclosed vertebrate Slit nucleic acids, or fragments thereof, contain such sequence or fragment at a terminus, immediately flanked by (i.e. contiguous with) a sequence other than that which it is joined to on a natural chromosome, or flanked by a native flanking region fewer than 10 kb, preferably fewer than 2 kb, more preferably fewer than 500 bp, which is at a terminus or is immediately flanked by a sequence other than that which it is joined to on a natural chromosome. While the nucleic acids are usually RNA or DNA, it is often advantageous to use nucleic acids comprising other bases or nucleotide analogs to provide modified stability, etc.

The subject nucleic acids find a wide variety of applications including use as translatable transcripts, hybridization probes, PCR primers, diagnostic nucleic acids, etc.; use in detecting the presence of Slit genes and gene transcripts and in detecting or amplifying nucleic acids encoding additional Slit homologs and structural analogs. In diagnosis, Slit hybridization probes find use in identifying wild-type and mutant Slit alleles in clinical and laboratory samples. Mutant alleles are used to generate allele-specific oligonucleotide (ASO) probes for high-throughput clinical diagnoses. In therapy, therapeutic Slit nucleic acids are used to modulate cellular expression or intracellular concentration or availability of active Slit. Exemplary human Slit-1 probes and primers are shown in Table 5 (A and B) and Table 6.

The following exemplary assay is offered by way of illustration and not by way of limitation:

EXAMPLES

Protocol for Ligand Screening of Transfected COS cells.

I. Prepare the Ligand

Expression Construct: cDNAs encoding targeted Slit polypeptides are tagged with the Fc portion of human IgG and subcloned into a 293 expression vector (pCEP4: In Vitrogen).

Transfection: 293 EBNA cells are transfected (CaPO₄ method) with the Slit

expression constructs. After 24 h recovery, transfected cells are selected with G418 (geneticin, 250 ug/ml, Gibco) and hygromycin (200 ug/ml). Once the selection process is complete, cells are maintained in Dulbecco's Modified Eagles medium (DME)/10% FCS under selection.

5 Preparation of Conditioned Medium: Serum-containing media is replaced with Optimem with glutamax-1 (Gibco) and 300 ng/ml heparin (Sigma), and the cells are conditioned for 3 days. The media is collected and spun at 3,000xg for 10 minutes. The supernatant is filtered (0.45 um) and stored with 0.1% azide at 4°C for no more than 2 weeks.

10 II. Prepare Truncated Receptor (Positive Control)

Expression Construct: cDNA encoding a corresponding Robo C-terminal deletion mutant comprising the extracellular domain (truncated immediately N-terminal to the transmembrane region) is subcloned into a 293 expression vector (pCEP4: In Vitrogen).

Transfection: 293 EBNA cells are transfected (CaPO₄ method) with the receptor mutant expression construct. After 24 h recovery, transfected cells are selected with G418 (geneticin, 250 ug/ml, Gibco) and hygromycin (200 ug/ml). Once the selection process is complete, cells are maintained in Dulbecco's Modified Eagles medium (DME)/10% FCS under selection.

Preparation of Conditioned Medium: Serum-containing media is replaced with Optimem with glutamax-1 (Gibco) and 300 ng/ml heparin (Sigma), and the cells are conditioned for 3 days. The media is collected and spun at 3,000xg for 10 minutes. The supernatant is filtered (0.45 um) and stored with 0.1% azide at 4°C for no more than 2 weeks.

20 II. Transfect COS Cells

Seed COS cells (250,000) on 35 mm dishes in 2 ml DME/10% FCS.

18-24 h later, dilute 1 ug of Robo-encoding DNA (cDNA cloned into pMT21 expression vector) into 200 ul serum-free media and add 6 ul of Lipofectamine (Gibco). Incubate this solution at room temperature for 15-45 min.

Wash the cells 2X with PBS. Add 800 ul serum-free media to the tube containing the lipid-DNA complexes. Overlay this solution onto the washed cells.

Incubate for 6 h. Stop the reaction by adding 1 ml DMA/20% FCS. Refeed cells. Assay cells 12 hr later.

30 III. Ligand Binding Assay

Wash plates of transfected COS cells 1X with cold PBS (plus Ca/Mg)/1% goat serum. Add 1 ml conditioned media neat and incubate 90 min at room temp.

Wash plates 3X with PBS (plus Ca/Mg). On the 4th wash, add 1 ml 50% methanol to 1 ml PBS. Then add 1 ml methanol. Evacuate and add 1 ml methanol.

5 Wash 1X with PBS. Wash 1X PBS/1% goat serum.

Add secondary antibody (1-to-2,000 anti-human Fc conjugated to alkaline phosphatase (Jackson Lab)) in PBS/1% goat serum. Incubate 30-40 min room temp.

10 Wash 3X with PBS. Wash 1X alkaline phosphatase buffer (100 mM Tris-Cl, pH 9.5, 100 mM NaCl, 5 mM MgCl₂). Prepare alkaline phosphatase reagents: 4.5 ul/ml NBT and 3.5 ul/ml BCIP (Gibco) in alkaline phosphatase buffer.

Incubate 10-30 min, quench with 20 mM EDTA in PBS. Cells that have bound Slit polypeptides are visible by the presence of a dark purple reaction product.

In parallel incubations, positive controls are provided by titrating Slit binding with serial dilutions of the mutant receptor conditioned medium.

15 IV. Results: Binding of Slit to Robo

Cell expressing mammalian Slit polypeptides were shown to bind Robo. No reactivity was observed with control COS cells or with receptor-expressing COS cells in the presence of the secondary antibody but in the absence of the Slit-Fc fusion. Binding was observed to receptor-expression cells using a construct in which a Slit polypeptide is fused directly to alkaline phosphatase, for which a secondary antibody is not required. Receptor deletion mutants titrate the Slit-Robo binding, serving as a positive control for inhibition assays.

Protocol for high throughput Robo-Slit binding assay.

A. Reagents:

- 25 - Neutralite Avidin: 20 µg/ml in PBS.
- Blocking buffer: 5% BSA, 0.5% Tween 20 in PBS; 1 hour at room temperature.
- Assay Buffer: 100 mM KCl, 20 mM HEPES pH 7.6, 1 mM MgCl₂, 1% glycerol, 0.5% NP-40, 50 mM β-mercaptoethanol, 1 mg/ml BSA, cocktail of protease inhibitors.
- 30 - ³³P Robo polypeptide 10x stock: 10⁻⁸ - 10⁻⁶ M "cold" Robo polypeptide specific Robo domain supplemented with 200,000-250,000 cpm of labeled Robo (Beckman counter). Place in the 4°C microfridge during screening.

- Protease inhibitor cocktail (1000X): 10 mg Trypsin Inhibitor (BMB # 109894), 10 mg Aprotinin (BMB # 236624), 25 mg Benzamidine (Sigma # B-6506), 25 mg Leupeptin (BMB # 1017128), 10 mg APMSF (BMB # 917575), and 2mM NaVO₃ (Sigma # S-6508) in 10 ml of PBS.

5 - Slit: 10⁻⁷ - 10⁻⁵ M biotinylated Slit in PBS.

B. Preparation of assay plates:

- Coat with 120 µl of stock N-Avidin per well overnight at 4°C.

- Wash 2 times with 200 µl PBS.

- Block with 150 µl of blocking buffer.

10 - Wash 2 times with 200 µl PBS.

C. Assay:

- Add 40 µl assay buffer/well.

- Add 10 µl compound or extract.

- Add 10 µl ³³P-Robo (20-25,000 cpm/0.1-10 pmoles/well = 10⁻⁹- 10⁻⁷ M final conc).

15 - Shake at 25°C for 15 minutes.

- Incubate additional 45 minutes at 25°C.

- Add 40 µM biotinylated Slit (0.1-10 pmoles/40 ul in assay buffer)

- Incubate 1 hour at room temperature.

- Stop the reaction by washing 4 times with 200 µM PBS.

20 - Add 150 µM scintillation cocktail.

- Count in Topcount.

D. Controls for all assays (located on each plate):

a. Non-specific binding

b. Soluble (non-biotinylated Slit) at 80% inhibition.

25 All publications and patent applications cited in this specification are herein incorporated by reference as if each individual publication or patent application were specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference. Although the foregoing invention has been described in some detail by way of illustration and example for purposes of clarity of understanding, it will be readily apparent to those of ordinary skill in
30 the art in light of the teachings of this invention that certain changes and modifications may be made thereto without departing from the spirit or scope of the appended claims.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of identifying agents which modulate the interaction of Robo and a Robo ligand, said method comprising the steps of:

combining a Robo polypeptide, a Slit polypeptide and a candidate agent under conditions whereby, but for the presence of the agent, the Robo and Slit polypeptides engage in a first interaction, wherein the Slit polypeptide specifically binds, activates or inhibits the activation of the Robo polypeptide and

determining a second interaction of the Robo and Slit polypeptides in the presence of the agent,

wherein a difference between the first and second interactions indicates that the agent modulates the interaction of the Robo and Slit polypeptides.

2. A method of modulating the interaction of Robo and a Robo ligand, said method comprising the step of

combining a Robo polypeptide, a Slit polypeptide and a modulator under conditions whereby, but for the presence of the modulator, the Robo and Slit polypeptides engage in a first interaction, wherein the Slit polypeptide specifically binds, activates or inhibits the activation of the Robo polypeptide and

whereby the Robo and Slit polypeptides engage in a second interaction different from the first interaction.

3. A method according to claim 2, wherein the modulator is a dominant negative form of the Robo or Slit polypeptide.

4. An isolated Slit polypeptide comprising a vertebrate species-specific Slit fragment.

5. An isolated vertebrate Slit polypeptide according to claim 4, wherein said vertebrate is human, mouse or rat.

6. A recombinant nucleic acid encoding a vertebrate Slit polypeptide according to claim 4.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed are methods and compositions for identifying agents which modulate the interaction of Robo and a Robo ligand and for modulating the interaction of Robo and a Robo ligand. The methods for identifying Robo:ligand modulators find particular application in commercial drug screens. These methods generally comprise (1) combining a Robo polypeptide, a Slit polypeptide and a candidate agent under conditions whereby, but for the presence of the agent, the Robo and Slit polypeptides engage in a first interaction, and (2) determining a second interaction of the Robo and Slit polypeptides in the presence of the agent, wherein a difference between the first and second interactions indicates that the agent modulates the interaction of the Robo and Slit polypeptides. The subject methods of modulating the interaction of Robo and a Robo ligand involve combining a Robo polypeptide, a Slit polypeptide and a modulator under conditions whereby, but for the presence of the modulator, the Robo and Slit polypeptides engage in a first interaction, whereby the Robo and Slit polypeptides engage in a second interaction different from the first interaction. In a particular embodiment, the modulator is dominant negative form of the Robo or Slit polypeptide.

Table 1.

Alignment of human Slit-1 (SEQ ID NO:02), human Slit-2 (SEQ ID NOS:03-06), *Drosophila* Slit-1 (SEQ ID NO:07), *C. elegans* Slit-1 (SEQ ID NOS:08-09), mouse Slit-2 (SEQ ID NOS:10-11) and mouse Slit-1 (SEQ ID NOS:12-14).

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42 T L P P N K F K C K G S E S F V S M Y A D S C F I D S I C P T Q C D C Y G T T V CE-Slit
 492 S L R E E K F K C S - W G E L R M K L S G E C R M D S D C P A M C H C E G T T V D-Slit
 474 Q I K S K K F R C S G T E D Y R S K L S G D C F A D L A C P E K C R C E G T T V H-Slit1

82 D C N K R G L N T I P T S I P R F A T Q L L L S G N N I S T V D L N S N I H V L CE-Slit
 531 D C T G R R L K E I P R D I P L H T T E L L L N D N E L G R I S S D G L F G R L D-Slit
 514 D C S N Q K L N K I P E H I P Q Y T A E L R L N N N E F T V L E A T G I F K K L H-Slit1

122 E N L E X L D L S N N H I T F I N D K S F E K L S K L R E L X L N D - - - - - CE-Slit
 571 P H L V K L E L K R N Q L T G I E P N A F E G A S H I Q E L Q L G E N K I K E I D-Slit
 554 P Q L R K I N F S N N K I T D I E E G A F E G A S G V N E I L L T S N R L E N V H-Slit1
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 24 H G R G F R G G L S G L K T L M L R S N L I G C V S N D T F A G L S S V R L L S H-Slit2

626 L Y D N Q I S C V M P G S F E H L N S L T S L N L A S N P F N C N C H L A W - F D-Slit
 633 L Y D N Q I T T V A P G A F D T L H S L S T L N L L A N P F N C N C Y L A W - L H-Slit1
 64 L Y D N R I T T I T P G A F T T L V S L S T I N L L S N P F N C N C H L G A G L H-Slit2

665 A E C V R K K S L N G G A A R C G A P S K V R D V Q I K D L P H S E F K C S S E D-Slit
 672 G E W L R K K R I V T G N P R C Q K P Y F L K E I P I Q D V A I Q D F T C D D G H-Slit1
 104 G K W L R K R R I V S G N P R C Q K P F F L K E I P I Q G V G H P G I H-Slit2

1 S N K N L T S F P S R I P F D CE-Slit
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16 T T E L Y L D A N Y I N E I P A H D L N R L Y S L T K L D L S H N R L I S L E N CE-Slit
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96 N D I S F L P Q S A F S N L T S I T H I A V G S N S L Y C D C N M A W F S K W I CE-Slit
 824 N R I S M L P E G S F E D L K S L T H I A L G S N P L Y C D C G L K W F S D W I D-Slit
 831 N D I S V V P E G A F N D L S A L S H L A I G A N P L Y C D C N M Q W L S D W V H-Slit1

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 871 K S E Y K E P G I A R C A G P G E M A D K L L L T T P S K K F T C Q G P V D V N H-Slit1

Table 2.

Alignment of human Slit-1 (SEQ ID NO:02) and Drosophila Slit-1 (SEQ ID NO:07)

1	M	A	A	P	S	R	T	T	L	M	P	P	P	F	R	L	Q	L	R	L	-	L	I	L	P	I	L	L	L	R	H	D	A	V	H	A	E	P	Y	D-Slit			
1	M	R	G	V	G	W	Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	M	L	S	L	S	L	G	L	V	L	A	I	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	H-Slit1			
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21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	K	V	A	P	Q	A	C	P	A	Q	C	S	C	H-Slit1
80	T	G	L	N	V	D	C	S	H	R	G	L	T	S	V	P	R	K	I	S	A	D	V	E	R	L	E	L	Q	G	N	N	L	T	V	I	Y	E	T	D	D-Slit		
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75	F	A	G	L	R	H	L	R	V	L	Q	L	M	E	N	K	I	S	T	I	E	R	G	A	F	Q	D	L	K	E	L	E	R	L	R	L	N	R	N	H	H-Slit1		
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674 W L R K K R I V T G N P R C Q K P Y F L K E I P I Q D V A I Q D F T C D D G N D H-Slit1

707 E - G C L G D G Y C P P S C T C T G T V V A C S R N Q L K E I P R G I P A E T S D-Slit
714 D N S C S P L S R C P T E C T C L D T V V R C S N K G L K V L P K G I P R D V T H-Slit1

746 E L Y L E S N E I E Q I H Y E R I R H L R S L T R L D L S N N Q I T I L S N Y T D-Slit
754 E L Y L D G N Q F T L V P K E - L S N Y K H L T L I D L S N N R I S T L S N Q S H-Slit1

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993 V N V D D C - E D N D C E N N S T C V D G I N N Y T C L C P P E Y T G E L C E E H-Slit1

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SEQ ID NO: 2

DNA sequence and predicted protein product. Base pair and amino acid number are indicated on the right hand side.

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Features of Human Slit-1 predicted protein

Co-ordinates refer to amino acid number.

Signal sequence:	7-24	
First amino-flanking sequence:	28-59	
First set of Leucine Rich Repeats:	60-179	(6 repeats)
First carboxy-flanking sequence:	180-276	
Second amino-flanking sequence:	277-308	
Second set of Leucine Rich Repeats:	309-434	(5 repeats)
Second carboxy-flanking sequence:	435-501	
Third amino-flanking sequence:	502-533	
Third set of Leucine Rich Repeats:	534-660	(5 repeats)
Third carboxy-flanking sequence:	661-722	
Fourth amino-flanking sequence:	723-754	
Fourth set of Leucine Rich Repeats:	755-855	(4 repeats)
Fourth carboxy-flanking sequence:	856-917	
First EGF repeat:	918-952	
Second EGF repeat:	953-993	
Third EGF repeat:	994-1031	
Fourth EGF repeat:	1032-1071	
Fifth EGF repeat:	1072-1109	
Spacer:	1110-1116	
Sixth EGF repeat:	1117-1154	
"99aa spacer":	1155-1329	
Seventh EGF repeat:	1330-1366	
Eighth EGF repeat:	1367-1404	
Nineth EGF repeat:	1405-1447	
Cysteine knot motif:	1448-1525	

Leucine rich repeats (LRRs) are predicted by comparison with known proteins and by the presence of the core sequence: xxxFxxLxxLxxLxLxxNxLxxL, where x is any amino acid. In slit proteins, the LRRs are flanked by conserved sequences referred to as the amino- and carboxy- flanking regions. These flanking regions are found in other known proteins, but only in a few instances are both the amino- and carboxy- flank regions present in a single protein. The amino flank region is defined by the consensus: CPxxCxC[1-6x]GxxVDCxxxGL[2-4x] α Pxx α Pxdttx where x is any amino acid, [x] represents a variable number of amino acids and α is a hydrophobic residue. Lower case indicates a residue is not highly conserved at a particular position. The carboxy flank region is defined by the consensus: P β xC γ Cx α [1-5x]W α [14-26x]RCxxPxxxxxxxx α xx α xxxF[1-3x]Cs[3-17x] where β is W or a hydrophobic residue, γ is D or N and α is a hydrophobic residue.

Epidermal growth factor (EGF) repeats are predicted by the consensus: CxxxxCxn γ C[6-9x] α xCxCxxG α xGxxCxxxxxx.

The so called "99aa spacer" is actually ~200 amino acids in the Drosophila protein and 174 amino acids in Human Slit-1. This region shows homology to the G-loops of laminin A chains.

Cysteine knots are dimerisation domains defined by the presence of six cysteine residues between which disulphide bridges form. The only absolutely conserved residues are the six cysteines, and spacing between them is highly variable, apart from between cysteines 2 and 3, and 5 and 6: C[x]C[1-3x]GxC[x]C[x]CxC. The glycine between cysteines 2 and 3 is only present in a subset of cysteine knots. Drosophila slit and Human slit-1 both have an extra cysteine after cysteines 5 and 6: this may serve as an intermolecular bond.

Human Slit-1 gene displays the overall structure of the Drosophila gene, and amino acid conservation is found along the entire length of the protein (48% homology at the amino acid sequence excluding the signal sequence; see below). The Human gene has an extra LRR between LRR2 and LRR3 of the first set of LRRs; in the third set, the Human gene has an extra LRR between LRR3 and LRR4. The Human gene has two extra EGF repeats, on either side of the seventh EGF repeat in Drosophila slit.

Isolation of Human slit-1

Searching of the EST database revealed an EST, ab16g10.r1, with homology to the 99aa spacer region of Drosophila slit. This EST was used to probe a Human fetal brain library (Stratagene), and clones for Human slit-1 were isolated.

Amino acid identity between Drosophila Slit and Human Slit-1

First amino-flanking sequence:	53%	
First set of Leucine Rich Repeats:	52%	(54%, 67%, NA, 38%, 54%, 50%)
First carboxy-flanking sequence:	42%	
Second amino-flanking sequence:	50%	
Second set of Leucine Rich Repeats:	60%	(54%, 58%, 67%, 71%, 50%)
Second carboxy-flanking sequence:	62%	
Third amino-flanking sequence:	56%	
Third set of Leucine Rich Repeats:	49%	(46%, 46%, 42%, NA, 58%)
Third carboxy-flanking sequence:	36%	
Fourth amino-flanking sequence:	53%	
Fourth set of Leucine Rich Repeats:	48%	(25%, 58%, 46%, 63%)
Fourth carboxy-flanking sequence:	63%	
First EGF repeat:	34%	
Second EGF repeat:	46%	
Third EGF repeat:	46%	
Fourth EGF repeat:	35%	
Fifth EGF repeat:	47%	
Spacer:	22%	
Sixth EGF repeat:	40%	
"99aa spacer":	38%	
Seventh EGF repeat:	11%/NA	
Eighth EGF repeat:	44%	
Ninth EGF repeat:	29%/NA	
Cysteine knot motif:	34%	

NA: not applicable due to absence of homologous repeat.
 Figures for individual LRRs are shown in brackets.

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122	ENLEX L D L S N N H I T F I N D K S F E K L S K L R E L X L N D	CE-Slit
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		H-Slit1
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1055	G F K C D C T P G Y V G E H C D I D F D D C Q D N K C K N G A H C T D A V N G Y	H-Slit1
1		M-Slit1
1	W P R C E C M P G Y A G D N C S E N Q D D C R D H R C Q N G A Q C M D E V N S Y	H-Slit2
6	H H R C E C M L G Y T G D N C S E N Q D D C K D H K C Q N G A Q C V D E V N S Y	M-Slit2
373	D C L C R P G Y A G Q Y C E I P P M M D M E Y Q K T D A C Q Q S A C G Q G - E C	CE-Slit
1087	Q C R C P D D Y T G K Y C E G H N M I S M M Y P Q T S P C Q N H E C K H G V - C	D-Slit
1095	T C I C P E G Y S G L F C E F S P - - P M V L P R T S P C D N F D C Q N G A Q C	H-Slit1
24	T C I C P Q G F S G L F C E H P P - - P M V L L Q T S P C D Q Y E C Q N G A Q C	M-Slit1
41	S C L C A E G Y S G Q L C E I P P - - H L P A P K - S P C E G T E C Q N G A N C	H-Slit2
46	A C L C V E G Y S G Q L C E I P P - - - - A P R - S S C E G T E C Q N G A N C	M-Slit2
412	V A S Q N - S S D F T C K C H E G F S G P S C D R Q M S V G F K N P G A Y L A L	CE-Slit
1126	F Q P N A Q G S D Y L C R C H P G Y T G K W C E Y L T S I S F V H N N S F V E L	D-Slit
1133	I V R I N E P - - - I C Q C L P G Y Q G E K C E K L V S V N F I N K E S Y L Q I	H-Slit1
62	I V V Q Q E P - - - T C R C P P G F A G P R C E K L I T V N F V G K D S Y V E L	M-Slit1
78	V D Q G N R P - - - V C Q C L P G F G G P E C E K L L S V N F V D R D T Y L Q F	H-Slit2
80	V D Q G S R P - - - V C Q C L P G F G G P E C E K L L S V N F V D R D T Y L Q F	M-Slit2
451	D P L A S - - D G T I T M T L R T T S K I G I L L Y Y G D D H F V S A E L Y D G	CE-Slit
1166	E P L R T R P E A N V T I V F S S A E Q N G I L M Y D G Q D A H L A V E L F N G	D-Slit
1170	P S A K V R P Q T N I T L Q I A T D E D S G I L L Y K G D K D H I A V E L Y R G	H-Slit1
99	A S A K V R	M-Slit1
115	T D L Q N W X R X N I T L Q V F T A E D N G I L L Y N G G N D H I A V X L Y X G	H-Slit2
117	T D L Q N W P R A N I T L Q V S T A E D N G I L L Y N G D N D H I A V E L Y	M-Slit2
489	R V K L V Y Y I G N F P A S H M Y S S V K V N D G L P H R I S I R T S E R K C F	CE-Slit
1206	R I R V S Y D V G N H P V S T M Y S F E M V A D G K Y H A V E L L A I K K N F T	D-Slit
1210	R V R A S Y D T G S H P A S A I Y S V E T I N D G N F H I V E L L A L D Q S L S	H-Slit1
155	H V R F S Y	H-Slit2
529	L Q I D K N P V Q I V E N S G K S D Q L I T K G K E M L Y I G G L P I E K S Q D	CE-Slit
1246	L R V D R G L A R S I I N E G S N D Y L - - K L T T P M F L G G L P V D P A Q Q	D-Slit
1250	L S V D G G N P K I I T N L S K Q S T L - - N F D S P L Y V G G M P G K S N V A	H-Slit1
1		M-Slit1
		I L D V A
569	A K R R F H V K N S E S L K G C I S S I T I N E V P I N L Q Q A L E N V N T E Q	CE-Slit
1284	A Y K N W Q I R N L T S F K G C M K E V W I N H K L V D F G N A Q R Q Q K I T P	D-Slit
1288	S L R Q A P G Q N G T S F H G C I R N L Y I N S E L Q D F Q K V P M Q T G I L P	H-Slit1
6	S L R Q A P G E N G T S F H G C I R N L Y I N S E L Q D F R K M P M Q T G I L P	M-Slit1
609	S C - - - - - S A T V N F - - - - -	CE-Slit
1324	G C A L - - - - L E G E Q Q E E E D D E Q D F M D E - - - - - T P H I K E E P	D-Slit
1328	G C E P C H K K V C A H G T C Q P S S Q A G F T C E C Q E G W M G P L C D Q R T	H-Slit1
46	G C E P C H K K V C A H G C C Q P S S Q S G F T C E C E E G W M G P L C D O R T	M-Slit1

TABLE 4

Alignment of *Drosophila* Slit and Human Slit-1

1	M A A P S R T T L M P P P F R L Q L R L - L I L P I L L L L R H D A V H A E P Y	D-Slit
1	M R G V G W Q - - - - - M L S L S L G L V L A I L - - - - -	H-Slit1
40	S G G F G S S A V S S G G L G S V G I H I P G G G V G V I T E A R C P R V C S C	D-Slit
21	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - N K V A P Q A C P A Q C S C	H-Slit1
80	T G L N V D C S H R G L T S V P R K I S A D V E R L E L Q G N N L T V I Y E T D	D-Slit
35	S G S T V D C H G L A L R S V P R N I P R N T E R L D L N G N N I T R I T K T D	H-Slit1
120	F Q R L T K L R M L Q L T D N Q I H T I E R N S F Q D L V S L E R L - - - - -	D-Slit
75	F A G L R H L R V L Q L M E N K I S T I E R G A F O D L K E L E R L R L N R N H	H-Slit1
154	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - D I S N N V I T T V G R R V F K G A Q S L R	D-Slit
115	L Q L F P E L L F L G T A K L Y R L D L S E N Q I Q A I P R K A F R G A V D I K	H-Slit1
176	S L Q L D N N Q I T C L D E H A F K G L V E L E I L T L N N N N L T S L P H N I	D-Slit
155	N L O L D Y N Q I S C I E D G A F R A L R D L E V L T L N N N N I T R L S V A S	H-Slit1
216	F G G L G R L R A L R L S D N P F A C D C H L S W L S R F L R S A T R L A P Y T	D-Slit
195	F N H M P K L R T F R L H S N N L Y C D C H L A W L S D W L R K R P R V G L Y T	H-Slit1
256	R C Q S P S Q L K G Q N V A D L H D Q E F K C S G L T E - H A P M - - - E C G A	D-Slit
235	Q C M G P S H L R G H N V A E V Q K R E F V C S D E E E G H Q S F M A P S C S V	H-Slit1
292	E N S C P H P C R C A D G I V D C R E K S L T S V P V T L P D D T T D V R L E Q	D-Slit
275	L H - C P A A C T C S N N I V D C R G K G L T E I P T N L P E T I T E I R L E Q	H-Slit1
332	N F I T E L P P K S F S S F R R L R R I D L S N N N I S R I A H D A L S G L K Q	D-Slit
314	N T I K V I P P G A F S P Y K K L R R I D L S N N Q I S E L A P D A F Q G L R S	H-Slit1
372	L T T L V L Y G N K I K D L P S G V F K G L G S L R L L L L N A N E I S C I R K	D-Slit
354	L N S L V L Y G N K I T E L P K S L F E G L F S L Q L L L L N A N K I N C L R V	H-Slit1
412	D A F R D L H S L S L L S L Y D N N I Q S L A N G T F D A M K S M K T V H L A K	D-Slit
394	D A F Q D L H N L N L L S L Y D N K L Q T I A K G T F S P L R A I Q T M H L A Q	H-Slit1
452	N P F I C D C N L R W L A D Y L H K N P I E T S G A R C E S P K R M H R R R I E	D-Slit
434	N P F I C D C H L K W L A D Y L H T N P I E T S G A R C T S P R R L A N K R I G	H-Slit1
492	S L R E E K F K C S - W G E L R M K L S G E C R M D S D C P A M C H C E G T T V	D-Slit
474	Q I K S K K F R C S G T E D Y R S K L S G D C F A D L A C P E K C R C E G T T V	H-Slit1
531	D C T G R R L K E I P R D I P L H T T E L L L N D N E L G R I S S D G L F G R L	D-Slit
514	D C S N Q K L N K I P E H I P Q Y T A E L R L N N N E F T V L E A T G I F K K L	H-Slit1
571	P H L V K L E L K R N Q L T G I E P N A F E G A S H I Q E L Q L G E N K I K E I	D-Slit
554	P Q L R K I N F S N N K I T D I E E G A F E G A S G V N E I L L T S N R L E N V	H-Slit1
611	S N K M F L G L H Q L K T L - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - N L	D-Slit
594	Q H K M F K G L E S L K T L M L R S N R I T C V G N D S F I G L S S V R L L S L	H-Slit1
627	Y D N Q I S C V M P G S F E H L N S L T S L N L A S N P F N C N C H L A W F A E	D-Slit
634	Y D N Q I T T V A P G A F D T L H S L S T L N L L A N P F N C N C Y L A W L G E	H-Slit1

667	C V R K K S L N G G A A R C G A P S K V R D V Q I K D L P H S E F K C S S E N S	D-Slit
674	W L R K K R I V T G N P R C Q K P Y F L K E I P I Q D V A I Q D F T C D D G N D	H-Slit1
707	E - G C L G D G Y C P P S C T C T G T V V A C S R N Q L K E I P R G I P A E T S	D-Slit
714	D N S C S P L S R C P T E C T C L D T V V R C S N K G L K V L P K G I P R D V T	H-Slit1
746	E L Y L E S N E I E Q I H Y E R I R H L R S L T R L D L S N N Q I T I L S N Y T	D-Slit
754	E L Y L D G N Q F T L V P K E - L S N Y K H L T L I D L S N N R I S T L S N Q S	H-Slit1
786	F A N L T K L S T L I I S Y N K L Q C L Q R H A L S G L N N L R V V S L H G N R	D-Slit
793	F S N M T Q L L T L I L S Y N R L R C I P P R T F D G L K S L R L L S L H G N D	H-Slit1
826	I S M L P E G S F E D L K S L T H I A L G S N P L Y C D C G L K W F S D W I K L	D-Slit
833	I S V V P E G A F N D L S A I S H L A I G A N P L Y C D C N M Q W L S D W V K S	H-Slit1
866	D Y V E P G I A R C A E P E Q H K D K L I L S T P S S S F V C R G R V R N D I L	D-Slit
873	E Y K E P G I A R C A G P G E M A D K L L L T T P S K K F T C Q G P V D V N I L	H-Slit1
906	A K C N A C F E Q P C Q N Q A Q C V A L P Q R E Y Q C L C Q P G Y H G K H C E F	D-Slit
913	A K C N P C L S N P C K H D G T C N S D P V D F Y R C T C P Y G F K G Q D C D V	H-Slit1
946	M I D A C Y G N P C R N N A T C T V L E - - E G R F S C Q C A P G Y T G A R C E	D-Slit
953	P T H A C I S N P C K H G G T C H L K E G E E D G F W C I C A D G F E G E N C E	H-Slit1
984	T N I D D C L G E I K C Q N N A T C I D G V E S Y K C E C Q P G F S G E F C D T	D-Slit
993	V N V D D C - E D N D C E H H S T C V D G I N N Y T C L C P P E Y T G E L C E E	H-Slit1
1024	K I Q F C S P E F N P C A N G A K C M D H F T H Y S C D C Q A G F H G T N C T D	D-Slit
1032	K L D F C A Q D L N P C Q H D S K C I L T P K G F K C D C T P G Y V G E H C D I	H-Slit1
1064	N I D D C Q N H M C Q N G G T C V D G I N D Y Q C R C P D D Y T G K Y C E G H N	D-Slit
1072	D F D D C Q D N K C K N G A H C T D A V N G Y T C I C P E G Y S G L F C E F S P	H-Slit1
1104	M I S M M Y P Q T S P C Q N H E C K H G V - C F Q P N A Q G S D Y L C R C H P G	D-Slit
1112	- - P M V L P R T S P C D H F D C Q N G A Q C I - - - V R I N E P I C Q C L P G	H-Slit1
1143	Y T G K W C E Y L T S I S F V H N N S F V E L E P L R T R P E A N V T I V F S S	D-Slit
1147	Y Q G E K C E K L V S V N F I N K E S Y L Q I P S A K V R P Q T N I T L Q I A T	H-Slit1
1183	A E Q N G I L M Y D G Q D A H L A V E L F N G R I R V S Y D V G N H P V S T M Y	D-Slit
1187	D E D S G I L L Y K G D K D H I A V E L Y R G R V R A S Y D T G S H P A S A I Y	H-Slit1
1223	S F E M V A D G K Y H A V E L L A I K K N F T L R V D R G L A R S I I N E G S N	D-Slit
1227	S V E T I N D G N F H I V E L L A L D Q S L S L S V D G G N P K I I T N L S K Q	H-Slit1
1263	D Y L K L T T P M F L G G L P V D P A Q Q A Y K N W Q I R N L T S F K G C M K E	D-Slit
1267	S T L N F D S P L Y V G G M P G K S N V A S L R Q A P G Q N G T S F H G C I R N	H-Slit1
1303	V W I N H K L V D F G N A Q R Q Q K I T P G C A L - - - L E G E Q Q E E E D D	D-Slit
1307	L Y I N S E L Q D F Q K V P M O T G I L P G C E P C H K K V C A H G T C Q P S S	H-Slit1
1339	E Q D F M D E - - - - - T P H I K E E P V D P C L E N K C R R G S R C V P N S	D-Slit
1347	Q A G F T C E C Q E G W M G P L C D Q R T N D P C L G N K C V H G T - C L P I N	H-Slit1

TABLE 5(A)

Hybridisation Probes for regions of Human Slit-1

Hybridisation Probe for the first Leucine rich repeat region

TGCCCGGCGCAGTCTCTTGCTCGGGCAGCACAGTGGACTGTCACGGGCTGGCGCTGCGCAGCGTGCCAGGAAT	75
ATCCCCGCAACACCGAGAGACTGGATTAAATGGAATAACATCACAAGAATTACGAAGACAGATTTTGCTGGT	150
CTTAGACATCTAAGAGTTCTTCAGCTTATGGAGAATAAGATTAGCACCATTGAAAGAGGAGCATTCCAGGATCTT	225
AAAGAACTAGAGAGACTGCGTTTAAACAGAAATCACCTTCAGCTGTTTCTGAGTTGCTGTTTCTTGGGACTGCG	300
AAGCTATACAGGCTTGATCTCAGTGAAAACCAATTCAGGCAATCCCAAGGAAAGCTTCCGTGGGGCAGTTGAC	375
ATAAAAAATTTGCAACTGGATTACAACCAGATCAGCTGTATTGAAGATGGGGCATTGAGGCTCTCCGGGACCTG	450
GAAAGTGCTCACTCTCAACAATAACAACATTACTAGACTTTCTGTGGCAAGTTTCAACCATATGCCTAACTTAGG	525
ACTTTTCGACTGCATTCAAACAACCTGTATTGTGACTGCCACCTGGCTGGCTCTCCGACTGGCTTCGCAAAAGG	600
CCTCGGGTTGGTCTGTACACTCAGTGTATGGGCCCTCCACCTGAGAGGCCATAATGTAGCCGAGGTTCAAAAA	675
CGAGAATTGTCTGCAGTGATGAGGAAGAAGGTACCAGTCATTTATGGCTCCTTCTGTAGTGTTCGAC	747

82-828

Hybridisation Probe for the second Leucine rich repeat region

TGCCCTGCCGCTGTACCTGTAGCAACAATATCGTAGACTGTCGTGGGAAAGGCTCACTGAGATCCCCACAAAT	75
CTTCAGAGACCATCACAGAAATACGTTTGGAAACAGAACCAATCAAGTCATCCCTCCTGGAGCTTTCTCACCA	150
TATAAAAGCTTAGACGAATTGACCTGAGCAATAATCAGATCTCTGAACCTGCACCAGATGCTTTCCAAGGACTA	225
CGCTCTCTGAATTCAGTTGCTCTCTATGGAAATAAAATCACAGAACTCCCCAAAAGTTTATTTGAAGGACTGTTT	300
TCCTTACAGCTCCTATTATTGAATGCCAACAAGATAAACTGCCTTCGGGTAGATGCTTTTTCAGGATCTCCACAAC	375
TGAACCTTCTCTCCTATATGACAACAGCTTCAGACCATCGCCAAAGGGGACCTTTTCACCTCTTCGGGGCATT	450
CAAATATGCATTTGGCCAGAACCCCTTTATTGTGACTGCCATCTCAAGTGGCTAGCGGATTATCTCCATACC	525
AACCCGATTGAGACCAGTGGTGGCCGTTGCACCAGCCCCCGCCGCTGGCAAACAAAAGAAATTGGACAGATCAA	600
AGCAAGAAATTCGTTGTTTACGTTACAGAAGATTATCGATCAAAATTAAGTGGAGACTGCTTTGCGGATCTGGCT	675

829-1503

Hybridisation Probe for the third Leucine rich repeat region

TGCCCTGAAAAGTGTGCTGTGAAGGAACACAGTAGATTGCTCTAATCAAAAGCTCAACAAAATCCCGGAGCAC	75
ATTCCCCAGTACACTGCAGAGTTGCGTCTCAATAATAATGAATTTACCGTGTTGGAAGCCACAGGAATCTTTAAG	150
AAACTTCCTCAATTACGTAATAAACTTTAGCAACAATAAGATCACAGATATTGAGGAGGGAGCATTGAAGGA	225
GCATCTGGTGTAATGAAATACTTCTTACGAGTAATCGTTTGGAAATGTGCAGCATAAGATGTTCAAGGGATTG	300
GAAAGCCTCAAACTTTGATGTTGAGAAGCAATCGAATAACCTGTGTGGGGAATGACAGTTTCATAGGACTCAGT	375
TCTGTGCGTTTGCTTTCTTTGTATGATAATCAAATTACTACAGTTGCACCAGGGGCATTGATACTCTCCATTCT	450
TTATCTACTCTAAACCTCTTGCCCAATCCTTTTAACTGTAAGTGTCTACCTGGCTTGGTTGGGAGAGTGGCTGAGA	525
AAGAAGAGAATTGTACGGGAAATCCTAGATGTCAAAACCATACTTCTGAAAGAAATACCCATCCAGGATGTG	600
GCCATTACAGGACTTCACTTGTGATGACGGAATGATGACAATAGTTGCTCCCACTTTCTCGC	663

1504-2166

Hybridisation Probe for the fourth Leucine rich repeat region

TGTCCTACTGAATGTACTTGCTTGGATACAGTCGTCGGATGTAGCAACAAGGGTTTGAAGGTCTTGCCGAAAGGT	75
ATTCCAAGAGATGTCACAGAGTTGTATCTGGATGGAAACCAATTTACACTGGTTCCCAAGGAACCTCCAACATAC	150
AAACATTTAACACTTATAGACTTAAGTAACAACAGAATAAGCAGCGTTTCTAATCAGAGCTTCAGCAACATGACC	225
CAGCTCCTCACCTTAATTCCTTAGTTACAACCGTCTGAGATGTATTCCTCCTCGCACCTTTGATGGATTAAAGTCT	300
CTTCGATTACTTTCTCTACATGGAAATGACATTTCTGTTGTGCTGAAGGTGCTTTCAATGATCTTTCTGCATTA	375
TCACATCTAGCAATTGGAGCCAACCTCTTTACTGTGATTGTAACATGCAGTGGTTATCCGACTGGGTGAAGTCG	450
GAATATAAGGAGCCTGGAATTGCTCGTTGTGCTGGTCTGGAGAAATGGCAGATAAACTTTTACTCACAACCTCCC	525
TCCAAAAAATTTACCTGTCAAGGTCTGTGGATGTCAATATTCTAGCTAAGTGTAAACCC	585

2167-2751

Hybridisation Probe for EGF repeats one to five

TGCCATCAAAATCCGTGTAATAATGATGGCACATGTAATAGTGATCCAGTTGACTTTTACCGATGCACCTGTCCA	75
TATGGTTTCAAGGGGACAGGACTGTGATGTCCCAATTCATGCCTGCATCAGTAACCCATGTAAACATGGAGGAACT	150
TGCCACTTAAAGGAGGAGAGAAGATGGATTCTGGTGTATTTGTGCTGATGGATTTGAAGGAGAAAAATTGTGAA	225
GTCAACGTTGATGATTGTGAAGATAATGACTGTGAAAATTAATCTACATGTGTGATGGCATTAACTACTACACA	300
TGCCTTTGGCCACCTGAGTATACAGGTGAGTTGTGTGAGGAGAAGCTGGACTTCTGTGCCAGGACCTGAACCCC	375
TGCCAGCAGATTCAAAGTGCACTCCTAATCCAAAGGATTCAAATGTGACTGCACACAGGGTACGTAGGTGAA	450
CAGTCGCACTCGATTTTGAACGACTGCCAAGACAACAGTGTAAAAACGGAGCCACTGCACAGATGCAGTGAAC	525
GGCTATACGTGCATATGCCCCGAAGGTTACAGTGGCTTGTCTGTGAGTTT	576

2752-3324

TABLE 5(B)

Hybridisation Probe for the sixth EGF repeat and preceding spacer region

TCTCCACCCATGGTCTCCCTCGTACCAGCCCCTGTGATAATTTTGATTGTGAGAATGGAGCTCAGTGTATCGTC 75
AGAATAAATGAGCCCAATATGTCAGTGTTCCTGGCTATCAGGGAGAAAAGTGTGAAAA 134

3128 - 3141

Hybridisation Probe for the 99aa spacer/G-loop region

ATTGGTTAGTGTGAATTTTATAAACAAAGAGTCTTATCTTCAGATTCTTCAGCCAAGGTTCCGGCCTCAGACGAA 75
CATAACACTTCAGATTGCCACAGATGAAGACAGCGGAATCCTCCTGTATAAGGGTGACAAAGACCATATCGCGGT 150
AGAACTCTATCGGGGGCGTGTTCGTGCCAGCTATGACACCGGCTCTCATCCAGCTTCTGCCATTTACAGTGTGGA 225
GACAATCAATGATGGAACCTCCACATTGTGGAACACTTGCCTTGGATCAGAGTCTCTCTTTGTCCGTGGATGG 300
TGGGAACCCCAAAATCATCACTAACTTGTCAAAGCAGTCCACTCTGAATTTTGACTCTCCACTCTATGTAGGAGG 375
CATGCCAGGGAAGAGTAACGTGGCATCTCTGCCAGGCCCCCTGGGCAGAACGGAACAGCTTCCACGGCTGCAT 450
CCGGAACCTTTACATCAACAGTGAGCTGCAGGACTTCCAGAAGGTGCCGATGCAAACAGGCATTTTGCCTGGCTGT 526

3162 - 3187

Hybridisation Probe for EGF repeats seven to nine

GAGCCATGCCACAAGAAGGTGTGTGCCCATGGCACATGCCAGCCCAGCAGCCAGGCAGGCTTCACCTGCGAGTGC 75
CAGGAAGGATGGATGGGGCCCCCTCTGTGACCAACGGACCAATGACCCTTGCCTTGGAAATAAATGCGTACATGGC 150
ACCTGCTTGCCCATCAATGCGTTCTCCTACAGCTGTAAGTGCTTGGAGGGCCATGGAGGTGTCTCTGTGATGAA 225
GAGGAGGATCTGTTTAACCCATGCCAGGCGATCAAGTGCAAGCATGGGAAGTGCAAGGCTTTCAGGTCTGGGGCAG 300
CCCTACTGTGAATGCAGCAGTGGATACACGGGGACAGCTGTGATCGAGAAATC 353

3188 - 4241

Hybridisation Probe for the cysteine knot region

TCTTGTGAGGGGAAAGGATAAGAGATTATTACCAAAAAGCAGCAGGGCTATGCTGCTTGCCAAACAACCAAGAAG 75
GTGTCCCGATTAGAGTGCAGAGGTGGGTGTGACAGAGGGCAGTGTGTGGACCGCTGAGGAGCAAGCGGCGGAAA 150
TACTCTTTCGAATGCACTGACGGCTCCTCCTTTGTGGACGAGGTTGAGAAAGTGGTGAAGTGGGCTGTACGAGG 225
TGTGTGTCC 234

41342 - 4575

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PCR Primers for regions of Human Slit-1**PCR Primers for the first Leucine rich repeat region**

Forward: 5' TGCCCGGCGCAGTGCCTCTTGCTCGGGCAGC 3' 82-111
 Reverse: 5' GTGCAAAACACTACAAGAAGGAGCCATAAA 3' 799-820 (62)

PCR Primers for the second Leucine rich repeat region

Forward: 5' TGCCCTGCCGCCTGTACCTGTAGCAACAAT 3' 829-855
 Reverse: 5' AGCCAGATCCGCAAAGCAGTCTCCACTTAA 3' 1474-1543 (12)

PCR Primers for the third Leucine rich repeat region

Forward: 5' TGCCCTGAAAAGTGTGCTGTGAAGGAACC 3' 1504-1533
 Reverse: 5' GCGAGAAAGTGGGGAGCAACTATTGTCATC 3' 2137-2166

PCR Primers for the fourth Leucine rich repeat region

Forward: 5' TGTCTACTGAATGTACTTGCTTGGATACA 3' 2167-2196
 Reverse: 5' GGGGTTACACTTAGCTAGAATATTGACATC 3' 2722-2725

PCR Primers for EGF repeats one to five

Forward: 5' TGCCTATCAAATCCGTGTAAAAATGATGGC 3' 2752-2781
 Reverse: 5' AAATCACAGAACCAAGCCACTGTACCTTC 3' 3298-3327

PCR Primers for the sixth EGF repeat and preceding spacer region

Forward: 5' TCTCCACCCATGGTCTCCCTCGTACCAGC 3' 3329-3357
 Reverse: 5' TTTTCACACTTTTCTCCCTGATAGCCAGGC 3' 3432-3461

PCR Primers for the 99aa spacer/G-loop region

Forward: 5' ATTGGTTAGTGTGAATTTTATAAACAAAGA 3' 3462-3491
 Reverse: 5' ACAGCCAGGCAAAATGCCTGTTTGCATCGG 3' 3958-3987

PCR Primers for EGF repeats seven to nine

Forward: 5' GAGCCATGCCACAAGAAGGTGTGTGCCCAT 3' 3988-4017
 Reverse: 5' GATTCTCGATCACAGCTGTCCCGTGTAT 3' 4112-4141

PCR Primers for the cysteine knot region

Forward: 5' TCTTGTCGAGGGGAAAGGATAAGAGATTAT 3' 4212-4271
 Reverse: 5' GGACACACACCTCGTACAGCCGCACTTCAC 3' 4546-4575

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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1. *Chlorophyll a* (Chl *a*) is the primary photosynthetic pigment in most plants and algae. It is a green pigment that absorbs light energy in the blue and red regions of the visible spectrum.

2. *Chlorophyll b* (Chl *b*) is an accessory pigment found in green plants and algae. It absorbs light energy in the blue and orange-red regions of the visible spectrum.

3. *Carotenoids* are a group of pigments that include carotenes and xanthophylls. They absorb light energy in the blue and green regions of the visible spectrum.

4. *Xanthophylls* are a group of pigments that include lutein, zeaxanthin, and antheraxanthin. They absorb light energy in the blue and green regions of the visible spectrum.

5. *Lutein* is a common xanthophyll pigment found in many plants. It absorbs light energy in the blue and green regions of the visible spectrum.

6. *Zeaxanthin* is a xanthophyll pigment that is involved in the photoprotection of photosynthesis. It absorbs light energy in the blue and green regions of the visible spectrum.

7. *Antheraxanthin* is a xanthophyll pigment that is involved in the photoprotection of photosynthesis. It absorbs light energy in the blue and green regions of the visible spectrum.

8. *Anthocyanins* are a group of pigments that include cyanidin, delphinidin, and pelargonidin. They absorb light energy in the blue and green regions of the visible spectrum.

9. *Cyanidin* is a common anthocyanin pigment found in many plants. It absorbs light energy in the blue and green regions of the visible spectrum.

10. *Delphinidin* is an anthocyanin pigment that is involved in the photoprotection of photosynthesis. It absorbs light energy in the blue and green regions of the visible spectrum.

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